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The GUARDIAN.

Abjetibus juvenes patriis & montibus æqui. Virg.

Wednesday, July 15. 1713.

I Do not care for burning my Fingers in a Quarrel, but ſince I have communicated to the World a Plan, which has given Offence to ſome Gentlemen whom it wou'd not be very ſafe to diſoblige, I muſt inſert the following Remonſtrance; and at the ſame time promiſe thoſe of my Correſpondents who have drawn this upon themſelves, to exhibite to the Publick any ſuch Anſwer as they ſhall think proper to make to it.

Mr. GUARDIAN,

'I Was very much troubled to ſee the two Letters which you lately publiſhed concerning the Short 'Club. You cannot imagine what Airs all the Little 'pragmatical Fellows about us have given themſelves 'ſince the reading of thoſe Papers. Everyone Cocks 'and Struts upon it, and pretends to over-look us 'who are two Foot higher than themſelves. I met 'with one the other Day who was at leaſt three 'Inches above five Foot, which you know is the 'ſtatutable Meaſure of that Club. This over-'grown Runt has ſtruck off his Heels, lowered 'his Foretop, and contracted his Figure, that he 'might be looked upon as a Member of this new 'erected Society; nay, ſo far did his Vanity carry 'him, that he talked familiarly of *Tom. Tiptoe*, and 'pretends to be an intimate Acquaintance of *Tim. Tuck*. For my Part, I ſcorn to ſpeak any thing 'to the Diminution of theſe little Creatures, 'and ſhould not have minded them had they been 'ſtill ſhuffled among the Croud. Shrubs and Un-'der-woods look well enough while they grow 'within the Shade of Oaks and Cedars, but when 'theſe Pigmies pretend to draw themſelves out 'from the reſt of the World, and form themſelves 'into a Body; it is time for us, who are Men of 'Figure, to look about us. If the Ladies ſhould 'once take take a likeing to ſuch a diminutive 'Race of Lovers, we ſhould, in a little time, ſee 'Mankind epitomized, and the whole Species in 'Miniature; Daiſie Roots would grow a faſhion-'able Diet. In Order therefore to keep our Poſterity 'from dwindling, and fetch down the Pride of this 'aſpiring Race of Upſtarts; we have here inſti-'tuted a Tall Club.

'As the Short Club conſiſts of thoſe who are 'under five Foot, ours is to be compoſed of ſuch 'as are above ſix. Theſe we look upon as the 'two Extremes and Antagoniſts of the Species; con-'ſidering all thoſe as Neuters who fill up 'the middle Space. When a Man riſes beyond 'ſix Foot he is an *Hypermeter*, and may be ad-'mitted into the Tall Club.

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